Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Helen Odland, and we are richer because Helen lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Helen was born October 11, 1913, on a farm near Forestburg, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Helen married Justus Odland on June 21, 1941, and to this union three children were born, who went on to procreate 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Helen taught school in Forestburg, Woonsocket, and Sioux Falls, retiring in 1977. She is a founding member of Hope Lutheran Church where she continues to be active, and is involved in community service in Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, Helen resides in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State